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FOR SIMONS FROM ANDREWS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. RAUTA CASE. BURIED IN THE MIDDLE OF AN ARTICLE IN THE
STYLE SECTION OF THE JULY 19 WASHINGTON POST, WHICH WAS
PRINCIPALLY ABOUT A RECEPTION ON THE HILL DEDICATED TO
CAPTIVE NATIONS' WEEK, WAS A REFERENCE TO CONSTANTIN RAUTA.
THE RELEVANT PARAGRAPH FOLLOWS:
AMONG THOSE IN THE AUDIENCE WERE A GOOD MANY PEOPLE BORN
IN ONE OR ANOTHER OF THE CAPTIVE NATIONS. ELECTRONIC
ENGINEER CONSTANTIN RAUTA, FOR EXAMPLE, WHO DEFECTED FROM
ROMANIA FOUR YEARS AGO AND NOW WORKS AT THE GODDARD SPACE
FLIGHT CENTER, IS AWAITING THE DAY WHEN HIS WIFE AND
SON CAN OVERCOME RED TAPE AND AMERICAN APATHY AND HIS FOR-
MER GOVERNMENT'S OBSTACLES AND JOIN HIM HERE.
2. MFN. SAM HAS CHECKED WITH BOTH THE HOUSE AND SENATE
SUBCOMMITTEE STAFFERS REGARDING THE STATUS OF THE MFN
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EXTENSION. THERE HAVE BEEN NO DISAPPROVAL RESOLUTIONS
INTRODUCED IN EITHER HOUSE. NEITHER SUBCOMMITTEE IS REQ-
UIRED TO TAKE ANY ACTION UNLESS SUCH A RESOLUTION IS INTRO-
DUCED BEFORE THE LEGISLATIVE DEADLINE OF SEPTEMBER 1.
SINCE CONGRESS WILL PROBABLY RECESS FROM AUGUST 18 UNTIL
SEPTEMBER 5, THERE IS LESS THAN A MONTH LEFT WITHIN WHICH

A DISAPPROVAL RESOLUTION WOULD HAVE TO BE SUBMITTED.
HOWEVER, I REFUSE TO MAKE ANY PREDICTIONS OF CLEAR SAILING.
WE HAVE ALSO LEARNED THAT SENATOR RIBICOFF HAS WRITTEN TO
GEORGE VEST FOLLOWING UP THE SENATE HEARINGS QUESTIONING
ON POST-EARTHQUAKE AID TO ROMANIAN RELIGIOUS GROUPS.
WE WILL CABLE OUT THE TEXT WHEN RECEIVED. FINALLY, VANIK
IS IN THE PROCESS OF SENDING ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS TO STATE
FOLLOWING-UP THE HOUSE HEARINGS IN JUNE.

3. MANGIAFICO CONSULTATIONS. I UNDERSTAND FROM EUR/EX
THAT APPROVAL FOR LOU'S CONSULTATIONS HAS GONE OUT.(INC-
IDENTALLY, YOU SHOULD NOT ASSUME THAT EE RECEIVES COPIES
OF PERSONNEL ACTION CABLES. THEREFORE, I THINK IT WOULD
BE USEFUL TO SLUG SUCH CABLES FOR BOTH EX AND EE.) I
HOPE THAT MANGIAFICO WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO SPEND LOTS OF
TIME WITH FRANK TUMMINIA, WHO REPORTS TO EE JULY 31. IF
LOU WILL BE IN WASHINGTON BEFORE THAT DATE, HE SHOULD STILL
PLAN TO MEET WITH FRANK. ALSO, BRODY (HA) WANTS TO SEE HIM.

4. AGGATT SANDEN. YOU WILL SOON BE RECEIVING A CABLE
FROM AGRICULTURE INDICATING THAT SANDEN WILL NOT BE
ARRIVING BEFORE FEBRUARY 1, 1979. AGRICULTURE HAS ACCEPT-
ED YOUR STRONG RECOMMENDATION REGARDING LANGUAGE CAPABILITY
AND SANDEN WILL APPARENTLY RECEIVE 5 MONTHS TRAINING AT
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5. SASHA BARNES VISIT. STATE 181827 SHOULD HAVE READ
SEPTEMBER 8 IN LIEU OF SEPTEMBER 9 FOR SASHA BARNE'S
RETURN DATE.

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